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## CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2014 9:30 A.M.

Re: BILL 9

I OPPOSE this bill to allow the City to charge for City-provided refuse collection services for the following reasons:

- I. Whereas in the past when trash collection was twice a week and the City to charge \$10 a month for extra pickup, it was fine with me for once a week pickup. This idea fell through. Then we were issued two extra bins one for green waste and the other for recycling material. The bins were used for every other week. In my humble opinion one bin the green one was all that was needed. This is yet another waste of taxpayer monies. Presently, with the automated refuse collection trucks only one person is needed the driver.
- 2. The size of my household has decreased and even the once a week pickup, I don't fill up the bin. Also, I do not use the green bin and blue bin on a regular basis. I know I am not the only one in the City who is in the same situation. So is it fair to charge households with the same fee of \$10 a month.
- 3. I am on a fixed income and living in my home for 30 plus years. The water bill charge goes up yearly and I see no end to a decrease in the astronomical charge. The valuation of my property has increased and it does not profit unless I am going to sell my property.
- 4. The question I have for you is, should the collection of trash be a service that is essential and be provided free of charge because that is part of what cities do for the health and safety of the community. We do pay property tax.

I urge you please do not pass this bill. Use your God given wisdom and think carefully what impact you would be placing on the citizens of the City and county of Honolulu.

Sincerely,

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